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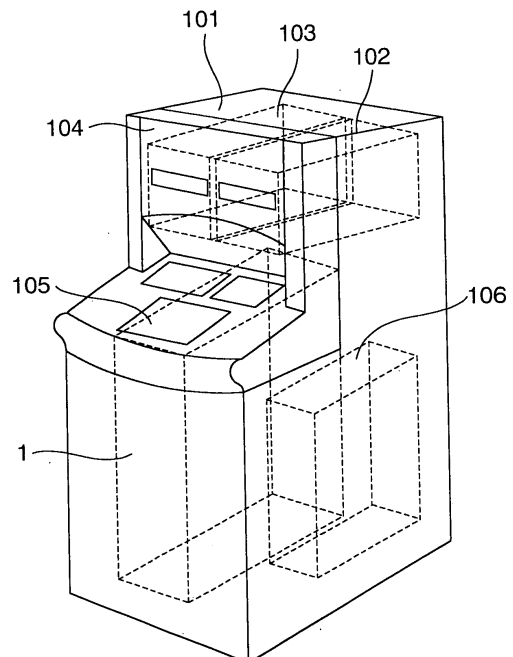
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(54) **Apparatus for handling flexible sheets**

(57) In a paper money handling apparatus including a volume for containing a paper money (800), a paper money transfer means (701, 703) for taking the paper money (800) into and out from the volume, a paper money guide (705) for guiding the paper money (800) to be taken into and out from the volume, and a paper money pressing means (704) for pressing the paper money (800) in the volume, the paper money pressing means (704) descends with its gravity at a side of the paper money guide (705) facing to the volume, and the apparatus further includes a paper money deforming member (709) for applying to the paper money (800) a rigidity for moving vertically upward the paper money pressing means (704).

FIG.1



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1. claims: 1-7

Apparatus for combined piling and depiling from the same stack comprising a sheet transfer means and a guide which has a function during both - piling and depiling, and a means to prevent the sheet from contacting the feeding means

1.1. claim: 8

Apparatus for piling sheets in a stack comprising a sheet transfer means for piling and a reciprocating pressing member

2. claims: 9-15

Apparatus for piling sheets in a stack comprising a sheet transfer means for piling and a reciprocating pressing member with specifics of the sheet pressing and deforming members

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